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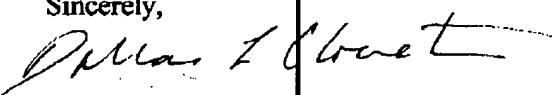
RE: Pat. Application #09/781,491
Clouatre, et al., Methods And Pharmaceutical Preparations For Normalizing
Blood Pressure With (-)-Hydroxycitric Acid

Dear Examiner Jones:

With regard to our phone conversation last week, thank you for entering my earlier response. I am sure that the written materials will reach your desk — eventually. In the meantime, apropos our discussion of future pricing policies, following is a page on nerac.com for your information. The response given to me by the Nerac representative is that most of the company's business comes from patent lawyers and agents.

As for my own arguments regarding the relevance of the magnesium HCA patent, I am not blind to the fact that even should you accept my position as valid, things may be a bit sticky.

Sincerely,



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